

A.) CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (currently amended) An educational content communications system for processing and managing the educational content of at least one school, comprising:

at least one server computer and at least one client computer including, respectively, server and client processors for executing server and client input and output elements for communication between said server and client computers; and ~~each of said at least one server computers~~ computer further including:

a user database, ~~said user database including for storing unique identification information related to users of said client computers, wherein said users include each comprising one of~~ students, teachers, parents and administrators;

an educational content database, ~~said educational content including any school or for storing educational content that is created, managed or and processed by said users;~~

a-user access means ~~through which said for allowing users can to create, process or and manage said educational content for said user's at least one school;~~

a-user management means for ~~a systems administrator at said school allowing administrators to define what the educational content said user's users can create, manage or and process;~~

means for identifying, for each of the users, third-party educational content programs to which that user has access;

means for obtaining, from a third-party educational content provider of said third-party educational content programs, user identifier and password information for each of the users that have access to said third-party educational content programs;

means for storing said user identifier and password information for each of the users, and for each of said third-party educational content programs to which the users have access;

means for requesting, from said third-party educational content provider, a third-party educational content program selected by a particular user to which said particular user has access, by sending said user identifier and password information corresponding to the particular

user to said third-party educational content provider; and

means for delivering the requested third-party educational content program to said particular user.

2. (currently amended) The educational content communication system of claim 1, wherein said user database and said education content database reside in at least one or more database servers server.

3. (currently amended) The educational content communications system of claim 1, further comprising an e-mail server, which enables said users ~~of said schools~~ to send and receive e-mail messages ~~to and from users within each of said user's school and to and from persons outside of each of said user's school who have an e-mail address and are connected through a network.~~

4. (currently amended) The educational content communications system of claim 1, wherein ~~each of said server computers further include~~ the at least one server computer includes a calendaring means ~~wherein~~ for allowing said users ~~can~~ to process and manage calendar events data for said user's at least one school ~~wherein said calendar events data includes the scheduled date of said calendar event and any details regarding said calendar event.~~

5. (currently amended) The educational content communications system of claim 1, wherein ~~each of said server computers further include~~ the at least one server computer includes a file creation means ~~wherein said~~ for allowing users ~~can~~ to create a file and save said file so that said file is accessible only to said user that ~~create~~ created said file.

6. (currently amended) The educational content communication systems of claim 5, wherein ~~each of said server computers further include~~ the at least one server computer includes a file sharing means ~~wherein~~ for allowing said users that create said files ~~can~~ to designate specific users who are permitted access to said created files.

7. (currently amended) The educational content communications system of claim 1, wherein ~~each of said server computers are configured as the~~ at least one server computer comprises a Web servers server and said client computers include a Web browser.

8. (currently amended) The educational content communications system of claim 1, wherein ~~said server computer(s) include~~ at least one server computer includes a directory service processor which maintains the relationship data between said at least one school schools and said users, ~~the relationship data~~ including which of said users belong to which of said at least one school schools.

9. (currently amended) An educational content communications system for processing and managing education content within at least one school system ~~one or more systems of~~ schools, comprising:

at least one server computer and a plurality of client computers including, respectively, server and client processors for executing server and client input and output elements for communication between said at least one server and client computers; and ~~each of said server computers~~ the at least one server computer further including:

a user database, ~~said user database including~~ for storing unique user identification information related to ~~for~~ users of said client computers, ~~wherein each of~~ said users include comprising one of: students, teachers, parents and administrators ~~for each of said schools and administrators for administrative entities responsible for~~ associated with the at least one school system ~~each of said system of schools,~~

an educational content database, ~~said educational content including any school or~~ for storing educational content that is created, managed ~~or~~ and processed by said users ;

a user access means ~~through which~~ for allowing said users ~~can~~ to create, process ~~or~~ and manage said educational content for the at least one school system ~~each of said user's school or said user's system of schools;~~

a user management means ~~for a systems administrator at said school~~ allowing

administrators to define what educational content said user users can create, manage ~~or~~ and process; and

a ~~directory service processor which maintains the~~ means for maintaining relationship data between said schools at least one school system and said users, including ~~which of said schools that are within which of said~~ at least one school system system of schools, what administrative entities are responsible for ~~which of said schools at least one school system~~, and which of said users belongs to which of said schools ~~or which of said administrative entities~~

means for identifying, for each of the users, third-party educational content programs to which that user has access;

means for obtaining, from a third-party educational content provider of said third-party educational content programs, user identifier and password information for each of the users that have access to said third-party educational content programs;

means for storing said user identifier and password information for each of the users, and for each of said third-party educational content programs to which the users have access;

means for requesting, from said third-party educational content provider, a third-party educational content program selected by a particular user to which said particular user has access, by sending said user identifier and password information corresponding to the particular user to said third-party educational content provider; and

means for delivering the requested third-party educational content program to said particular user.

10. (currently amended) The educational content communication system of claim 9, wherein said user database and said educational content database ~~resides~~ reside in ~~one or more at least one~~ database ~~server~~ servers.

11. (currently amended) The educational content communications system of claim 9, further comprising an e-mail server, which enables said users ~~of said schools~~ to send and receive e-mail messages ~~to and from users within each of said user's school and to and from persons~~

~~outside of each of said user's school who have an e-mail address and are connected through a network.~~

12. (currently amended) The educational content communications system of claim 9, wherein said ~~server computer(s)~~ further include a at least one server computer further includes calendaring means wherein said for enabling the users ~~can to~~ process and manage calendar events data for said at least one school system each of said user's school wherein said calendar events data includes the scheduled date of said calendar event and any details regarding said calendar event and wherein said users of said administrative entities that are responsible for each of said system of schools ~~can process and manage said calendar event data for each of said schools within said system of schools.~~

13. (currently amended) The educational content communications system of claim 9, wherein each of said ~~server computers~~ further include a the at least one server computer further includes file creation means wherein for enabling said users ~~can to~~ create a file and save said file so that said file is accessible only to said user users that create created said file.

14. (currently amended) The educational content communication systems of claim 13, wherein each of said ~~server computers~~ further include a the at least one server computer further includes file sharing means wherein for enabling said users that create said files ~~can to~~ designate specific users who are permitted access to said created files.

15. (currently amended) The educational content communications system of claim 9, wherein each of said ~~server computers~~ are configured as the at least one server computer comprises a Web servers server and said client computers include a Web browser.

16. (currently amended) The educational content communications system of claim 9, wherein said ~~server computer(s)~~ further include the at least one server computer further includes a find members means wherein said for enabling the users of each of said schools ~~can to~~ locate

and find any stored profile information on ~~any other said users who~~ another of said users that is defined stored in said user database.

17. (currently amended) An educational content communications system for processing and managing education content from third party providers, comprising:

at lease one server computer and a plurality of client computers including, respectively, server and client processors for executing server and client input and output elements for communication between said server and client computers; and ~~each of said at least one server computers~~ computer further including:

means for generating unique user identification information for a plurality of users of the client computers, the plurality of users each comprising one of: a parent, a teacher, an administrator and a student associated with a school;

means for obtaining, from a third-party provider of third-party educational content programs, user identifier and password information for each user associated with the school;

a third-party provider information database, ~~said third-party provider database including for storing data identifying said third-party providers provider and said third-party educational content programs that each of said third-party providers are offering offered to the users of said client computers- wherein said users include students, teachers and administrators for each of said schools, the third-party provider information database further storing data identifying which of said users have access to which of said third-party educational content programs, and the user identification identifier and password information for each of said users to having access each of to~~ said third-party educational content programs;

a third-party provider management means for a ~~systems administrator~~ allowing the administrator to create, process and ~~mange~~ manage which of what said third-party educational content programs each of said users can access, and said user ~~identification identifier~~ and password information for each of said third-party educational content programs; and

a third-party provider processing means for responding to ~~each of said user's user~~ requests for a third-party educational content program to which said users have access by retrieving said user identification and password information for said third-party educational

content program from said third-party provider information database, transmitting said request for a ~~the~~ third-party educational content program to said third-party provider with said user identification identifier and password information, and delivering said third-party educational content program to each of said users.

18. (currently amended) The educational content communication system of claim 17, wherein said third-party provider information database resides in at least one ~~or more~~ database servers server.

19. (currently) The educational content communications system of claim 17, wherein ~~each of said server computers are configured as~~ the at least one server computer further comprises a Web servers server and said client computers include a Web browser.

20. (currently amended) An educational content communications system for processing and managing education content within school communities comprising: at least one server computer and plurality of client computers including, respectively, server and client processors for executing server and client input and output elements for communication between said server and client computers; and ~~each of said~~ at least one server computers computer further including:

a user database; ~~said user database~~ including unique identification information related to users of said client computers, ~~wherein said users include~~ including at least one of: students, teachers, parents and administrators ~~for associated with~~ each of said ~~schools~~ school communities;

a community information database; ~~said community information~~ including data identifying said school communities that said users have created, data on said users that have access to said school communities, and educational content created by said users that have access to said school communities;

a school community management means for ~~a systems administrator within~~ enabling administrators in each of said ~~schools~~ school communities to define said school communities to which each of said users can access;

a school community access means ~~whereby~~ for enabling each of said users at each of said ~~schools can~~ school communities to create, process and manage said educational content for each of said school communities;

a directory service processor ~~which maintains the~~ means that maintain relationship data between said school communities and said users, including which of said users belong to which of said school communities;

means for identifying, for each of said users, third-party educational content programs to which that user has access;

means for obtaining, from a third-party educational content provider of said third-party educational content programs, user identifier and password information for each of said users that has access to said third-party educational content programs;

means for storing said user identifier and password information for each of said users, and for each of said third-party educational content programs to which that user has access;

means for requesting, from said third-party educational content provider, a third-party educational content program selected by a particular user to which said particular user has access, by sending said user identifier and password information corresponding to the particular user to said third-party educational content provider; and

means for delivering the requested third-party educational content program to said particular user.

21. (currently amended) The educational content communication system of claim 20, wherein said community information database and said user database resides in at least one or more database servers server.

22. (currently amended) The educational content communications system of claim 20, wherein said school community access means further includes a bulletin board in which each of said users with access to one of said school communities can post and respond to messages from other users with access to said that school community.

23. (currently amended) The educational content communications system of claim 20, wherein said school community access means further ~~includes~~ provides links to information related to said school communities ~~community that each of said users with access to said school communities can access or create.~~

24. (currently amended) The educational content communications system of claim 20, wherein ~~each of said server computers~~ the at least one server computer further includes a calendaring means wherein said users can create, process and manage calendar events data for each of said school communities to which said users have access ~~wherein said calendar data includes the scheduled date of said calendar event and any details regarding said calendar event.~~

25. (currently amended) The educational content communications system of claim 20, wherein ~~each of said server computers are~~ the at least one server computer is configured as a Web servers server and said client computers include a Web browser.

26. (currently amended) A method of providing third-party educational content programs available over the Internet to school users, comprising the steps of:

generating unique student identification information for each student in a school;
identifying, for each of ~~said students, teacher, parent or administrator~~ student, said third-party educational content programs to which ~~each of said students shall have~~ that student has access;

obtaining, from a third-party educational content ~~providers~~ provider of said third-party educational content programs, user identification and password information for each user student who ~~will have~~ has access to ~~each of said third-party educational content program~~ programs;

storing said user identification and password information for each of ~~said users~~ student and for each of said third-party educational content programs to which ~~each of said user~~ has that student has access;

requesting, from said third-party educational content provider, said a third-party educational content program that said user has requested and selected by a particular student to which said ~~user~~ particular student has access, by sending said user identification and password information corresponding to the particular student to said third-party educational content provider; and

delivering said the requested third-party educational content program to said ~~user~~ who selected said educational content program particular student.

27. (currently amended) The educational content communications system of claim 1, wherein said ~~server computers further include~~ at least one server computer further includes a classroom means where said for allowing users ~~can~~ to process and manage said educational content on a class by class basis.